

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 981 – HB 1869

March 6, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Commissioner of Education to evaluate the effectiveness of the pilot after-school program, as it pertains to increasing ACT and SAT scores, eligibility for lottery scholarships, and enrollment in postsecondary institutions, as compared to students who did not participate in the pilot after-school program.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – Increases the expenditure of unclaimed lottery prize money earmarked for after-school program grants by \$50,000 per year for three years. Otherwise, additional appropriations of state funds would need to be made.

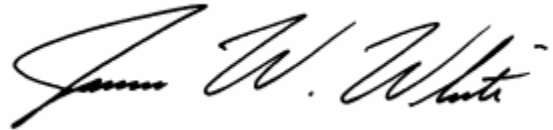
Assumptions:

- After-school programs are funded 100 percent from unclaimed lottery prize winnings.
- The Department of Education (DOE) indicates that to accomplish the provisions of this bill either additional funding would be required or existing funding which is earmarked for after-school program grants would need to be utilized.
- According to DOE, the Department does not currently have any mechanism for tracking students who have participated in after-school programs beyond the ninth grade. They would have to develop the appropriate mechanism, track the students through high school graduation, collect and maintain records concerning receipt of lottery scholarships, and whether or not such students attend college.
- For results of any such study to be statistically significant, and useful for determining the overall effectiveness of after-school programs, this study would need to be conducted over an extended period of time, with multiple classes of students. This would need to be done because one class of students will not produce results that are representative of all students participating in after-school programs over multiple years.

- Based on information provided by DOE, the cost to conduct such a pilot project is estimated to be \$50,000 per year for three years.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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James W. White, Executive Director

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